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Invention: CLOSURE MEMBER FOR A MEDICAL IMPLANT DEVICE

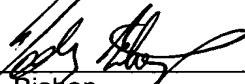
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper, wherein claims 1, 7, 8, 14, 21, 29, and 30 are amended, claims 31-34 are canceled without prejudice, and new claims 35-37 are added.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.